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AGREEMENT REACHED.

New Modus Vivendi Terms Will Soon Be Made Public.

Sir Robert Bond's Substitute Is Evidently Thrown Over.

A despatch from London yesterday says: "Negotiations for a renewal of the Newfoundland fisheries modus vivendi have practically been concluded, and a new agreement, covering the present season, probably will be signed within a few days.

"The delay was caused by repeated proposals of the Newfoundland premier, Sir Robert Bond, of a substitute for the modus vivendi, to which the American and British officials have given every consideration.

"The matter, it is said, has now been disposed of and an agreement has been reached to renew the modus vivendi with some modifications.

"The most important change relates to Sunday fishing, a prohibition of which, it is understood, the United States has agreed to."

It would seem from the reading of this dispatch that Sir Robert Bond's frantic endeavors to replace the modus vivendi by an arrangement of his own making, which would have been along altogether different lines from the modus and appear in the nature of a concession from him to the American fleet, but which was really a well laid plan to entrap the United States into an agreement which would have been injurious to her rights under the treaty and also put quite a damper on the fishery at Bay of Islands this coming season, have been without avail.

That the last year's modus would be amended was expected by all here. As to the Sunday fishing prohibition, this was done last season, the American fishermen agreeing to refrain, even though it was not called for in the modus, and they had no idea of fishing Sundays this coming season.

While the exact provisions of the new modus are not yet known, it is believed here that they will not be radically different from those of last year's agreement. It is thought here that the American vessels will be allowed to ship Newfoundland fishermen as they were last season, but that the use of purse seines will be prohibited. Just what other changes are to be made are beyond conjecture, but these would seem to be the two principal points.

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BIGGEST FOR YEARS.

Sch. Annie M. Parker Home with 375,000 Pounds Salt Cod.

Sch. Annie M. Parker, Capt. Angus Hines, came up the harbor in tow this afternoon with the biggest fare of fish that has been brought to this port for many years.

The vessel has been engaged in the salt bank dory handline fishery and left late in the season, getting away in May, but her fare is hailed for 375,000 pounds of salt cod, which is certainly a more than fine fare and will result in an enormous stock, as well as a big return for each and every man on board.

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LARGE STOCK.

Sch. Paragon Gets \$3600 as Result of Two Weeks Trip.

Sch. Paragon, Capt. William Hermon, stocked \$3600 as the result of her recent two weeks halibut trip, the crew making the splendid share of \$117 per man. On her previous trip the Paragon was gone but 11 days, stocking \$3991 and the crew sharing \$127. Thus the vessel in 26 days has made the remarkable stock of \$7591 and the crew have shared \$244, which is probably the record in this branch of fishery, especially for such short trips.

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Want a Fishery Board.

The movement to establish a fishery board for the Atlantic Provinces received a decided impetus at a meeting of the Maritime Board of Trade at St. Johns, N. B., on August 22, and a resolution endorsing the plan was passed unanimously.

Struck Squid on Brown's Bank.

Capt. William Gould of sch. Lawrence Murdock which arrived from a Georges landline trip this morning, reports squid on Brown's bank and that he caught most of his fare on these great codfish enticers.

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Monster Haddock.

A Lunenburg N. S., shore fisherman caught a huge haddock off Cross Island which equals the big haddock taken by Clarence Cox, of Clark's Harbor, a short time ago. The haddock measured three feet one inch in length, girthed twenty inches and weighed twelve and a quarter pounds.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

- Sch. Frances P. Mosquita, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Ida S. Brooks via Boston.
- Sch. Annie and Jennie, via Boston.

Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 9 cts. per lb. for white and 6 cts. for gray.

Market price large western cod to split, \$2.25 per cwt., medium do., \$1.55.

Large eastern cod, \$2.25, medium do., \$1.50.

Market price fresh large Rips cod, \$2.25 per cwt., medium do., \$1.55.

Market price, salt bank cod, \$4 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for medium.

Market price salt Rips cod, \$4.12 1-2 cwt. for large, \$3.12 1-2 medium, \$2.50 for snappers and \$2 for haddock and \$1.50 for pollock.

Fresh round pollock, 80c per cwt.

Market price fresh hake, \$1.30 per cwt.

Large fresh mackerel, 20 1-2 cts. each.

Fresh medium mackerel 12 cts. each.

Market price fresh cusk, \$1.75 per cwt.

Dressed fresh pollock, 85 cts. per cwt.

Fresh whiting, 50c per bbl.

Salt mackerel, large, \$20.50 per bbl. for rimmed and \$19 to \$20 per bbl. for plain; medium, \$17 per bbl. for rimmed and \$15 to \$17.50 per bbl. for plain; small, \$12 to \$15 per bbl.

Boston.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake, 500 pollock.

Sch. Buema, 16,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2500 hake.

Sch. Etta B., 3500 cod, 200 hake, 300 pollock.

Haddock, \$2.75 per cwt.; cod, \$3; hake, \$2 to \$2.50; pollock, \$1.50.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Senator Gardner, George Parker and Gladiator were at Louisburg, C. B., Monday, and cleared.

Mackerel Notes.

Nagle & Co. of Boston received 36 barrels of mackerel from Port Clyde, Me., this morning. The fish were taken off here by the boats.

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MACKEREL AT MONHEGAN.

Shore Fishermen There Made Good Hauls Yesterday.

Two Seiners Got Catches of Tinkers on Middle Bank.

The mackerel fleet have landed during the past week 990 bbls. salt mackerel. No fresh mackerel of any account have been landed. The fleet have gone to the eastward to the coast of Maine, but have had bad weather most of the week. Thirty-six sail were at Portland for a harbor on Wednesday. A few mackerel are being caught in the South on hook as well as in nets and shipped fresh. The corresponding week last year the mackerel fleet landed 445 bbls. salt and 148 bbls. fresh mackerel which were caught on Middle Bank. Sales were made at \$30 per bbl. for large, \$24 for medium and \$12 for tinkers.

A telegram to the Times from the Nelson Bait & Ice Co. of Boothbay Harbor, Me., states that 42 barrels of mackerel, taken at Monhegan yesterday, were shipped by that concern last night.

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A letter to one of our largest concerns from its Portland correspondent this morning states that 5000 pounds of fresh mackerel came to that port yesterday from Monhegan and 6000 pounds also taken at Monhegan were shipped from another port. The letter says that the fish were taken by the boat fishermen of Monhegan in small shore seines. The fish are very handsome ones, going from two to three pounds each.

The little sch. Reliance, Capt. John Nelson, which went out only yesterday forenoon, came back again last night. She struck mackerel on Middle Bank and made a set, getting 3500 in count. A few were large, about 250 mediums and the rest tinkers which would go about 225 fish to a barrel. The fare sold to the Gloucester Fresh Fish Co.

The catch of salt mackerel by the New England fleet is about 28,500 barrels, against 8414 barrels last year at this time and 28,353 barrels in 1905 at this date.

The imports of new salt mackerel at Boston to date are 7274 barrels, against 15,470 barrels last year at this time.

The catch of fresh mackerel to date is about 51,000 barrels, against 32,000 barrels at this time last year and 55,000 barrels to date in 1905. The imports of fresh mackerel to date at Boston are 4986 barrels, against 15,295 barrels at this time last year.

The foreign receipts this week comprise 297 barrels from Canada and 200 barrels from Ireland.

Sch. Moweena was at Portland Thursday with 200 fresh mackerel in count.

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SHIPPING COMMISSIONER.

No Fees Allowed Official on Fishermen's Shipping Papers.

Law May Be Changed To Include Men Shipping on Shares.

It is understood that there is a movement on foot to abolish the office of United States shipping commissioner in this city. The office is at present held by Mr. Roderick McDonald, the well known Duncan street outfitter, and in fact Mr. McDonald was the first man to hold the office in this city.

The position is no sinecure, as there is a great deal of clerical work and detail which requires care and attention, and the records which are kept by the commissioner are of inestimable value, being on a par in a measure with the vital statistics which are kept at City hall. Three or four copies of every shipping paper are made out for the benefit of all concerned, one of which, of course, goes to the government, and in addition the commissioner keeps a record of each man who ships, and since Mr. McDonald has held the position he has accumulated a record of more than 11,000 fishermen.

It seems that the work of the shipping commissioner passes through four distinct departments at Washington. Mr. McDonald has been to Washington in regard to the matter and plainly told the officials what he knew regarding his position and the duties thereof. It seems that the fees of the commissioner are paid by the government, but the law makes no provision for paying fees of the shipping enlistment of men who ship on vessels on the shares. Sailors who ship for wages come under this head, but those who engage on the cooperative plan are beyond the provision of the law.

Mr. McDonald has a great deal to do on these papers and says he will continue to do them for the fishermen for a while, but he cannot be expected to give his time all the time. The records of the fishery enlistments are important. It is quite probable that instead of having the office abolished, the law will be changed so that fishermen will come under its provisions.

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THE GRESHAM SAILS.

Off for Newfoundland at 3 O'clock This Afternoon.

The revenue cutter Gresham, Capt. Perry, with Mr. A. B. Alexander, representing the state department on board, sailed on her mission to Bay of Islands, Newfoundland, at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

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Sch. Constellation, Rips, 100 bbls. salt mackerel.
 Sch. Reliance, Middle Bank, 3500 fresh small mackerel.
 Sch. Mattie Winship, Georges, 22,000 lbs. salt cod.
 Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, Georges 90,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Two gasoline boats, Ipswich Bay, 12,000 lbs. fresh haddock 8000 lbs. fresh pollock.

Today's Fish Market.

Pank halibut, 9 cts. per lb. for white and 6 cts. for gray.
 Market price large western cod to split, \$2.25 per cwt., medium do., \$1.55.
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 Fresh round pollock, 80c per cwt.
 Market price fresh hake, \$1.30 per cwt.
 Large fresh mackerel, 20 1-2 cts. each.
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 Market price fresh crabs, \$1.75 per cwt.
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Salt bank dory handline cod, \$4.12 1-2 per cwt. for large, \$3.25 for mediums and \$2.62 1-2 for snappers.

Boston.

Sch. Albert W. Black, 50 swordfish.
 Steamer Quartette, 4000 fresh mackerel, mostly small.
 Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, 4000 haddock, 300 cod, 500 hake.
 Haddock, \$3 to \$4.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.50; markets, \$3.50 per cwt.; hake, \$2.50; swordfish, 12 cts. per lb.; fresh mackerel, 30 cts. each for large, 16 cts. for mediums and 8 cts. for small.

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THE GRESHAM RETURNED.**Landed One of the Crew Ill with Measles at Boston.****Will Resume Her Newfoundland Trip Without Delay.**

The revenue cutter Gresham, Capt. Perry, which is under orders from the treasury department to proceed to the Bay of Islands, N. F., to see that the treaty rights of the American fishermen on the west coast of Newfoundland are respected, and which sailed from here Friday, returned to Boston Saturday morning, having been obliged to put back because of the illness of one of the crew.

The man was taken sick a day or two ago and he soon showed unmistakable signs of measles. When the cutter arrived arrangements were quickly made for the transfer of the sailor to the hospital in Chelsea.

The other sailors who have been exposed to the disease will be watched the next few days.

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WHALING INTEREST REVIVED.

New Bedford, Mass., Sept. 9.—Interest in the whale fishery, on which the reputation and wealth of this city was based a generation ago, has been revived within the past few weeks by renewed activity in that line. Within 10 days three vessels have sailed from this port for the whaling grounds, and last week there arrived in port the whaling brig Sullivan, which returned from a 27 months' cruise with one of the richest catches ever taken by a New Bedford ship.

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AGREEMENT NOW COMPLETE**Modus Vivendi Signed Saturday Now Made Public.****IS ABOUT AS WAS EXPECTED.****Shipping Men Allowed, Seining and Sunday Rights Waived.**

The modus vivendi to regulate fishing by Americans in the treaty waters of Newfoundland, which was concluded in London Saturday by an exchange of notes between Ambassador Ried and the British secretary of state for foreign affairs, was made public yesterday by Acting Secretary of State Adee.

Mr. Reid's note reciting the agreed terms of the modus vivendi is dated September 4, and Sir Edward Grey's reply, while dated September 6, was not delivered to Ambassador Reid until Saturday night.

The modus so arranged is in terms and fact a substantial renewal of last year's arrangement. It is to continue for this season and until the long standing controversy regarding the fishing question shall be settled by arbitration, unless in the meantime any of its provisions should be modified by some amicable agreement between the Newfoundland authorities and the American fishermen, not derogatory to the right of the United States and acceptable to the British and the American governments.

The formal conclusion and publication of the modus have been deferred pending consideration of the proposal of the Newfoundland premier, Sir Robert Bond, that opportunity be afforded for conference between the insular authorities and the American fishermen, with a view to introducing some modifications in the modus by mutual agreement, if the changes could be effected without undue loss so long after preparations for this season's fishing had been made and the fishing vessels had begun their voyages.

Such modifications are to be considered in a friendly spirit by the two governments and then adopted if not found to compromise the treaty rights of the United States and acceptable to both.

The terms of the modus vivendi as agreed upon bear out the statement made in the Times of Friday, that the shipping of Newfoundland fishermen outside the three mile limit would be permitted without hindrance and that the U. S. treaty rights to fish with seines and also Sunday fishing would be waived while the modus is in force. Beyond this, there is little change from last year.

The text of the modus vivendi is as follows:

"It is agreed that the fisheries shall be carried on during the present year substantially as they were actually carried on for most of the time by mutual agreement under the modus vivendi of 1906.

"1. It is understood that his majesty's government will not bring into force the Newfoundland foreign fishing vessels act of 1906, which imposes on American fishing vessels certain restrictions in addition to those imposed by the act of 1905, and also that the provisions of the first part of sec. 3 of the act of 1905 as to boarding and bringing into port and also the whole of sec. 3 of the same act, will not be regarded as applying to American fishing vessels.

"2. In consideration of the fact that the shipment of Newfoundlanders by American fishermen outside the three mile limit is not to be made the basis of interference or to be penalized, my government waives the use of purse seines by American fishermen during the term governed by this agreement and also waives the right to fish on Sundays.

"3. It is understood that American fishing vessels will make their shipment of Newfoundlanders as fishermen sufficiently far from the exact three-mile limit to avoid reasonable doubt.

"4. It is further understood that American fishermen will pay light dues when not deprived of their rights to fish and will comply with the provisions of the colonial customs law as to reporting at a custom house when physically possible to do so."

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IN BOSTON BAY.**Several of the Seining Fleet Got Hauls There on Saturday.****Sch. Grayling Got Two Schools and Dressed All Day.**

Among the boats in here this morning, sch. Reliance has 800 fresh mackerel in count, sch. Gracie three barrels and sch. Mary Emerson 300 mackerel in count and 15 barrels of bluebacks.

The fish taken in Boston Bay appears to be mostly small, with a few large and a good many medium mixed in. The small ones go about 475 to a salted barrel.

Sch. Colonial, Capt. Lemuel Firth, arrived here this morning with 8000 fresh medium and small mackerel taken in Boston Bay Saturday. A fleet of about 30 seiners was there at the time and several took small hauls, some of them salting, others going into Provincetown and shipping their catch. The fleet were fishing in Boston Bay, about 15 miles from Race Point.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins, Capt. Ralph Webber, came in this morning with 100 barrels of salt mackerel, most of which were taken recently on Middle Bank and Boston Bay.

Sch. Clintonia, Capt. Charles H. Harty, took 2800 large and medium mackerel off Orleans, Saturday and shipped them from Provincetown yesterday, getting 30 cents each large and 16 cents for medium. Capt. Harty calls the prospect good in Boston Bay.

Several other vessels made hauls in Boston Bay on Saturday and went into Provincetown yesterday, among them schs. Mary E. Harty and Ralph L. Hall. Sch. Grayling, Capt. Joseph Smith, got two schools estimated at 100 barrels and lay dressing about all day.

Sch. Alert, Capt. Almon D. Malloch, was one of the vessels which got a haul and went to Boston yesterday afternoon, having 9000 fresh mackerel, about half medium and half small with 600 large mixed in.

Sch. Corona, Capt. Benj. M. McGray, arrived this morning from the eastward, with 83 barrels of salt mackerel. Capt. McGray reports that sch. Pontiac got a 50 barrel haul down there a few days ago.

A despatch from Woods Hole says: "The mackerel season is well underway and bids fair to be a record-breaking season for the small boats. The past week a number of good catches have been landed, selling for good prices. Among the arrivals are Gypsy Maid, 7000; Sea Gull, 8000; Dora, 4000; Joker, 4500.

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Look on the Sunny Side.

The Boston Herald of recent date had an editorial on "King Mackerel," in which it says:

"We have heard no little of late touching the threatened extinction of our saltwater fishing industry. This season's catch, largely in excess of last year's, will prove to be on the whole a fair average, and it will afford no ground for the fear that our hardy fishermen are to find their occupation gone."

Now that's the way to look at things. Keep on the sunny side. Don't go comparing this year's catch with that of 1863 or 1881 or some years like these, but rather recall the fact that there have been a lot of fresh mackerel landed this season, and while there have been lots of seasons when the catch of salt mackerel has been over 100,000 barrels, the money value of the latter has not equalled the value of the catch of the present year.

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Sch. Margaret, Le Have Bank, 20,000 lbs. halibut, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. Marguerite Haskins, Boston Bay, 100 bbls. salt mackerel.
 Sch. Colonial, Boston Bay, 8000 fresh medium and small mackerel.
 Sch. Corona, Maine Coast, 83 bbls. salt mackerel.
 Sch. Gracie, shore, 3 bbls. fresh mackerel.
 Sch. Reliance, Boston Bay, 800 fresh mackerel in count.
 Sch. Mary Emerson, Boston Bay, 300 fresh mackerel, 15 bbls. bluebacks.